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Update Regarding Bristol Bay Set Gillnet Sign Marking Regulation

During the Board of Fisheries meeting held in Naknek during December 2012 proposals were submitted to modify both the lettering and the content of information on signs at set gillnet sites in Bristol Bay. None of the proposals were adopted, meaning no modification of set gillnet signs will be required. It has come to the attention of the department that there is confusion surrounding the summary information from the meeting. Proposal number 22, which is marked in the summary as “carried as amended”, appears to require new sign marking regulations. **This is not the case.** The amended language can be found in RC 122 at the following link.

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2012-2013/bristolbay/meetingdocs/rc122_webster.prop22.pdf

Essentially, the amended language allows a set gillnet vessel to travel with more than one legal limit of gear on board. The original proposal regarding the marking of set gillnet signs was amended with the language allowing a set gillnet skiff to transport additional gear resulting in changes to 5 AAC 06.331, Gillnet specifications and operations. **There were no changes to sign marking requirements.** The department regrets any confusion caused by this oversight and wishes to clarify what occurred at the board meeting.